

Chapter 6 – Discovery

Vocabulary

connived—conspired

imps—rascals

deputing—delegating

ludicrous—absurd

officiousness—meddling

zeal—passion

1. How do Mr. and Mrs. Shelby react to the news that Eliza has fled with Harry?
2. What aspects of Black Sam's behavior support Stowe's description of him as a man who "...would have done credit to any white patriot in Washington"? (Pg. 41)
3. Many critics consider this chapter an interlude of comic relief giving the reader a break from the serious issues presented earlier in the novel. List the ways the slaves on this estate are able to manipulate the situation, all the while seemingly obeying their master.

Chapter 7 - The Mother's Struggle

Vocabulary

revered—adored
reproachfully—disgracefully
paroxysm—convulsion
sublime—splendid
constrained—hold back
turbulent—agitated
turbid—muddy
undulating—swinging
dignitary—person of dignity or honor
disobliged—inconvenienced
de novo—again, anew
artifice—trick

1. How does Eliza care for her son while they are traveling to the Ohio River?
2. Why does Eliza decide it is safe to stop at a farmhouse to buy some dinner?
3. "...you oughter think what an awful state a poor crittur's soul's in that'll do them ar things—you oughter thank God that you an't *like* him, Chloe. I'm sure I'd rather be sold, ten thousand times over, than to have all that ar poor crittur's got to answer for." (Pg. 53)

Tom is talking about Haley in the above quotation. Why does Tom feel sorry for Haley?

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Chapter 8 - Eliza's Escape

Vocabulary

imprecations—curses

dissonant—grating

hobble—problem

snivelling—whining

felicitation—happiness

apocryphal—fictitious

penitential—humble

alacrity—cheerful speed

olla podrida—spicy stew

dilettanti—amateur lovers of the arts

sententious—moral

1. In this chapter, Tom Loker is reintroduced. What deal does Tom Loker and Marks make with Haley?
2. What is the “greatest mod’rn improvement” Haley can think of concerning slaves? (Pg. 62)
3. Find an sarcastic passage in this chapter that criticizes the laws which protect the slave trader and slave catcher.
4. Why does Mrs. Shelby consider Sam’s story about Eliza’s escape to be apocryphal?